



## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### *CHILDREN WITH A PARENT IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW: WHAT ARE THEIR BEST INTERESTS? HOW CAN THEY BE MET?*

Venue: OLD TOWN HALL Zagreb, Date: Friday 20 May 2016

Chair: Nancy Loucks OBE



**8.45** Registration and coffee

**9.20** Opening and presentation

Ivana Milas Klaric - Children's Ombudswoman Croatia  
Tribute to Alain Bouregba - Founder of COPE Network

Chair: Video clip: "Because It's Our Right"

**9.50 Debate: Ensuring the rights of children of prisoners**

Croatian National Debate Team

Video clip: "Rebalancing the Scales"

**10.30 UNCRC & The best interests of the child whose parent is in conflict with the law**

Renate Winter - UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

**10.50 European perspectives: Memorandum of Understanding**

Margaret Tuite - EU Child Rights Coordinator

**11.10 MOU in Italy**

Andrea Orlando - Ministry of Justice, Italy

**11.30** Coffee break

Video clip: "It's Time to Act"

**11.50 Recognising the rights of children in the European Parliament**

Tonino Picula - Member of the European Parliament, Croatia

**12.05 Beyond blaming and shaming: parenting support as a key to a healthier society**

Valentina Otmacic - President UNICEF, Croatia

**12.25 Children of prisoners in the National Preventive Mechanism**

Lora Vidović - General Ombudsman, Croatia

**12.35** Q&A

**12.50** Lunch

Video clip: "800,000 Voices" in Croatian, then in English

**14.00 Parents in prison: What support does the child need?**

Bruna Profaca - Child Protection Centre in Zagreb

**14.20 Media and children of prisoners**

Igor Kanizaj - Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb

**14.50 Showcasing good practice**

Roda: **MA#ME study findings —working toward sustainability**

Status M: **Improving Parental Competencies of Young Prisoners**

PACT: **Integrated family support programme - Andy Keen-Downs**

**Advocacy Programme for Children affected by Family Imprisonment in London - Katherine Copperthwaite**

**15.35** Break

**15.45 Panel (includes Q & A ): Where we are —what are the next steps?**

Chair: Rachel Brett

Targeted areas include *adapting MOU within Croatian context* (Croatia Justice Ministry/Italian Justice Ministry)+ *developing child focus in prisons* (Croatia prison service, Renata Šoher); *reducing violence during arrest* (Croatia police, Anita Matijević); *considering children during sentencing* (Croatia judge); the perspective of CoE (Atila Juhasz)

**16.45-17.00 Concluding remarks and vote of thanks**

Maja Gabelica Supljika - Deputy Children's Ombudswoman

Lucy Gampell - President, COPE Network

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